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Republican House speaker vows to back Obama on Syria strikes

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama won firm backing from key Republican leaders Tuesday for "proportional" strikes on Syria, as Washington closed ranks to warn Damascus that chemical attacks would not be tolerated.

The dramatic developments in Washington came as the UN refugee agency released grim new statistics revealing the staggering humanitarian calamity in Syria, saying more than two million people had now fled the violence.

Obama said he hoped for "prompt" votes next week on authorizing force against Syria as he met congressional leaders, and said he was sure he would secure the necessary support.

After an hour with the president, Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner -- who has fought tooth and nail with Obama over domestic policy -- emerged with a firm endorsement of his rival's strategy.

"I am going to support the president's call for action," Boehner said, in an exceedingly rare moment of unity on Washington's polarized politi-



Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner

cal battlefield.

"This is something that the United States as a country needs to do," Boehner said, calling on Republican colleagues to follow his example.

Moments later, another key Republican, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor -- popular with the party's conservative rank and file -- also backed Obama.

"Assad's Syria, a state sponsor of terrorism, is the epitome of a rogue state, and it has long posed a direct threat to American interests and to our partners," Cantor said.

The House, as opposed to the Democratic-led Senate, was seen as the tougher sell for Obama, after he put appar-

ently imminent military strikes on hold Saturday and decided to seek authorization from Congress -- even though he did not strictly need it.

It may be that the cover offered by their leaders will persuade wavering House Republicans to fall into line behind the strikes.

Democratic House leader Nancy Pelosi said she wanted more information about the US intelligence on the August 21 attack that allegedly killed hundreds of civilians and sparked the crisis, but she appeared to be leaning towards a yes vote.

"President Obama did not draw the red line. Humanity drew it decades ago," Pelosi said.

Obama said the chemical weapons attack on a Damascus suburb, which Washington says killed more than 1,400 people, posed a serious national security threat to the United States and its allies.

"As a consequence, Assad and Syria needs to be held accountable," he said, while assuring Americans he would not use ground troops.

But Assad warned in an interview with Western media released Monday that US strikes could set off a wider Middle East conflict.

"Everyone will lose control of the situation once the powder keg explodes. Chaos and extremism will spread. There is a risk of regional war," Assad told French newspaper Le Figaro.

More than 100,000 people have died since the rebellion to oust the long-time leader erupted in March 2011.

The UN refugee agency Tuesday revealed that some two million Syrians have now fled, in a tide of humanity which is straining resources in neighboring countries. Millions more have been displaced inside Syria.

France, which backs Obama in his determination to

launch a military intervention in Syria, on Tuesday called on Europe to unite in its response to the crisis.

"When a chemical massacre takes place, when the world is informed of it, when the evidence is delivered, when the guilty parties are known, then there must be an answer," French President Francois Hollande said.

"This answer is expected from the international community," he said.

France has emerged as the main US ally in the Syria crisis after the British parliament last week rejected involvement in any military action.

British Prime Minister David Cameron is set to push Russia and others to back a diplomatic solution to the Syria conflict at the G20 summit in Saint Petersburg this week.

Two polls released Tuesday showed strong opposition to a US military intervention in the crisis. Some 48 percent of Americans told a Pew Research Center survey that they opposed "conducting military air strikes" with only 29 percent in favor.

A poll by the Washington Post-ABC found a similar margin of nearly six in 10 Americans opposed to missile strikes.

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Caribbean Linked art residency program exposition opens tomorrow night at Ateliers '89



Participating artists and curators of Caribbean Linked II

This is the second year the Foundation Ateliers '89, a center in Oranjestad devoted to education and practice of contemporary art, is hosting a residency program for artists from diverse cultural backgrounds within the region.

Curator of Ateliers '89, Elvis Lopez, is collaborating with the Mondriaan Foundation, ARC (Art, Recognition, Culture) and the Fresh Milk Art Platform to host this exchange of creativity during the two-week program, which will culminate in an exposition of the work tomorrow evening, September 5, in the Ateliers '89 galleries.

A number of Aruban cultural and artistic establishments are also cooperating in mentoring the young artists and sponsoring their time on the island. Visiting artists include Shirley Rufin of Martinique, Veronica Dorsett from The Bahamas, Sofia Maldonado from Puerto Rico, Mark King of Barbados, Rodell Warner, Trinidad and Tobago,

Dhiradj Ramsamoedj, Suriname, Omar Kuwas, Curacao and Carmile German, Robin de Vogel and Kevin Schuit representing Aruba.

Also on island participating in the event as curators are Holly Bynoe from St. Vincent, founder of ARC Magazine, Nicole Smythe-Johnson, Senior Curator of the National Gallery of Jamaica, and Shantrelle Lewis with the Andy Warhol Foundation of Philadelphia/Brooklyn.

THE MORNING NEWS was pleased to meet with the young participants of the second Caribbean Linked art residency program and curators for their input on the experience of sharing the visions, diverse cultures and the process of producing a work for exhibition in such a limited period of time.

TMN: What is the purpose of Caribbean Linked?

Kevin Shuit: The name sort of says, it doesn't it?

Shantrelle Lewis: Last year was the inception of Caribbean Linked. It started

out with curators and art historians from around the Caribbean coming together, to discuss the state of contemporary art in the region and how institutions and scholars can work together to promote contemporary Caribbean art.

This year, the focused has changed to inviting artists throughout the Caribbean. Now it is bringing in young, emerging artists who are developing their craft to have conversations with established artists here in Aruba, and to interact and dialog with one another and further develop the process.

They are working together and some are also experimenting in terms of working with new forms and new mediums. They are, I think, learning about each other and themselves in the process.

Sofia Maldonado: I see that most of the work we will be showing is centered on the artists' experience with Aruba, influenced by our own cultures.

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Reopening of Refinery by PDVSA a Possibility!



Venezuelan Consul, Jesus Javier Arias Fuenmayor, this week remarked, ... "the refinery affords us a platform for both countries to work together on the matter of energy." He also intimated that sooner or later the topic of energy between Venezuela and Aruba will make for some kind of energetic union.

A commission of PDVSA was on our island last week to meet with representatives of Valero to discuss the possibility of a reopening. They tried to formulate how they would operate the refinery. "In political terms, it looks very positive, and in technical terms, it is our experts in petroleum and refining who must give us a declaration,

according to the Venezuelan Consul." He also said that he sees the prospect as a positive advance.

The Venezuelan diplomat said that this diplomatic mission is one they have been working on for quite some time together with the Prime Minister of Aruba. The wheels have been spinning and both governments must now make a decision after receiving all the necessary information. What is very clear is that both the government of Aruba and Venezuela are serious in their intentions to reach an agreement to work together. This, obviously, improves the possibility for a reopening of the regular operations of the San Nicolaas refinery.

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Omar Kuwas of Curacao and his hand-made Camera Obscura



Puerto Rican artist Sofia Maldonado and her work

Shantrelle: Being mentored by established Aruba artists such as Ciro Abath is influencing their visiting artists' process, within the particular moment of this residency.

TMN: How have some of you found this experience?

Veronica Dorsett: It has been...very eye-opening for me. In relation to all the other countries represented here the Bahamas is much further away from the Caribbean. In that sense, I found interacting with everyone else, the diversity they have in regards to language and culture is much different than to what I am accustomed. It is a beautiful experience for me; the diversity I see has had a very good effect on me and what I take from the experience.

Much of my work is going to be focused on my inability to find a focal point since coming here. I felt bombarded. The daily details, such as the language differences; the fact that the average person here can speak usually four languages was crazy to me, as at home we have only one. I have been trying to take everything in.

Certain cultural aspects are familiar: the food is similar and Carnival. I found a comfort because it is close to home, but at the same time, it is not. Much of my work is going to be focused on me try-

ing to find something to draw my energy towards.

I came up with a lot of ideas, but it was difficult pinpointing one thing. I think that plays back to the diversification of everything being so many different things coupled into one place. For me, the experience has been very interesting, to say the least.

Shantrelle: Suriname is much like Aruba in that you have these many diverse cultures living and interacting harmoniously under this umbrella of being "Proud Surinamese Citizens." I think that it is important that an event such as Caribbean Linked actually takes place in a country like Aruba. The fact that it is part of the Dutch Caribbean results in its being left out of the conversation when discussing the region. I think it is really important it is one of these island, particularly when looking at contributions such as Institut Buena Vista in Curacao, there are cultural institutions based in the Dutch Caribbean supporting contemporary art. I think it is very exciting Caribbean Linked is taking place here.

Dhiradj Ramsamoedj: My experience was very funny in a way. Martinique is physically close to Aruba, but to travel here was long and required many different hops. It is funny to think we are so near and yet so far. It was like-

wise to find many things that were similar, and yet many that were not.

TMN: How is this diverse interaction affecting your art?

Robin de Vogel: This unusual circumstance of working alongside other artists, conversing, sharing input, is, I think, a gift. It takes us out of our usual workspace, literally and figuratively. Being away from our "safe" studio, where we have everything we need for our planned work and having to improvise is a challenge, while having other artists there to share their creativity and input is taking us out of our usual modes of working.

A large part of the upcoming exhibit will be photography, installations and video. Barbados artist Mark King was influenced by Ciro Abath to produce work in a completely new medium from his usual photography. The works will be interpretations by the artists of their Aruban experience, providing their fresh viewpoint, while having their own cultures as a reference for their work.

The official opening is at 8:00 PM, with a performance by Aruba's Gang di Arte sponsored by the Department of Culture. Ateliers '89 is located at Dominicanessenstraat 34, directly across from Maria College.

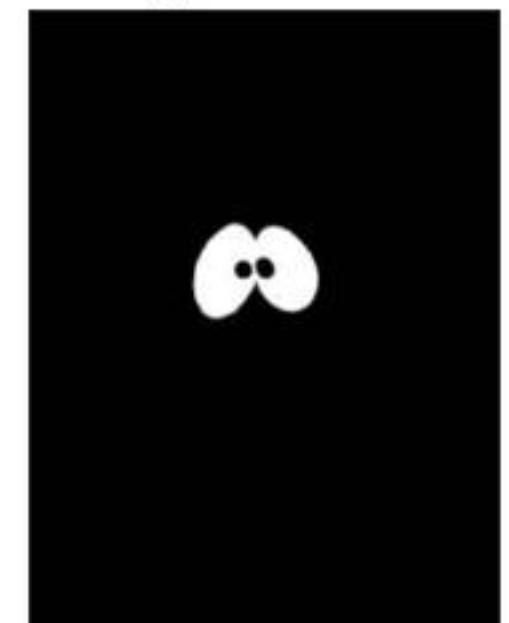
By Rosalie Klein

Power blackouts hit Venezuela capital

CARACAS (AFP) - Major power blackouts paralyzed Venezuela's capital and several states across the country on Tuesday but there was no official explanation for the cause.

The blackout struck at peak hours in Caracas, around 1:00 pm local time (1730 GMT), and also affected cities in Lara, Zulia, Anzoategui, Miranda and Barinas states, according to media reports and social networks.

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"Lens di Mi Wowonan" photography exhibit now on display at the National Archives



lection is an encapsulated accounting of what makes headlines on Aruba, as well as depicting the island media at work and play. This year, the exposition is also dedicated to the golden anniversary of Aruba's first television station TeleAruba, Channel 13. Fifty years of photographs relating the evolution of the station and the many personalities that made it a success completely occupy the back wall of the ANA.

An integral part of each year's exposition is a tribute to one of the pioneers of news media on Aruba. Victor "Toko" Winklaar, founder of the Papiamento language paper "Awe Mainta" and General Manager of TeleAruba since June of 2012, is this year's honoree.

The exposition can be viewed from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, and will remain at the ANA for the next two weeks.

By Rosalie Klein

Six years ago, the Aruban press was celebrated for the first time in an exposition organized by veteran news photographer and video artist Leo Vrolijk, in honor of Aruba Press Day, September 1. Island news photographers were asked to submit their best works relating top events over the past year, as well as the many nature, landscape

and artistic work they also pursue.

The exposition, sponsored by RBC Royal (Aruba) Bank, was so popular, it has become an annual tradition. The year in review is again on display, this year at the Aruba National Archives, located across from the Reina Beatrix International Airport.

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Marlou van Rijn inspires our Paralympics Athletes and our active youth with her enthusiasm



Aruba was recently host to Marlou van Rijn, who visited the island on invitation of IBIASA. This young athlete touched everyone's heart with her enthusiasm and athletic spirit. It was an honor for Aruba to receive the visit of such a remarkable young lady. The Dutch athlete gave a Paralympics clinic here for 2 days. She inspired the youth to make an effort and leave their homes and join her at the clinic to participate in the sport activities.

Marlou is a sports lover and she started out with swimming. After that she took part in many different sports such as wheelchair basketball and athletics. She took a break for a while to dedicate time to her studies, but sports remained her passion and it did not take much time for her to resume her activities in athletics. Especially short distance running (sprint) is one of her special talents. She focuses on the 100m and 200m dashes. She has now stopped her studies temporarily to focus completely on training for the Paralympic Games.

In 2012 Marlou realized one of every athlete's dreams when she took home the gold medal for the 200 meter and silver for the 100 meter in the London 2012 Paralympic Games. She is currently also planning to train for the 400 meter sprint. Van Rijn also travels across The Netherlands giving presentations at schools to make young people aware of Paralympic sports.

This clinic was given as a part of the special course local coaches followed regarding Paralympic Sports and was well received by coaches, parents and the children themselves.

Van Rijn remarked that she regrets that children with a handicap generally don't do any physical activity, although there are quite a nice number of kids on Aruba who are fairly active. She enjoyed the clinics conducted here where various disciplines were presented, such as running, swimming and dance.

In conclusion, Van Rijn encouraged our local coaches to go out and find adults and children with a physical handicap and their parents and get them involved in a sports.



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Manning files bid for Obama pardon: lawyer

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Lawyers for Chelsea Manning filed a request for a pardon from President Barack Obama on Tuesday following the soldier's 35-year jail sentence for the biggest intelligence leak in US history.

"Private Manning's pardon request was filed today by our office," attorney David Coombs said on Twitter.

The lawyer had indicated his intention to seek a pardon on August 21, when a military judge sentenced Manning to 35 years behind bars for her massive disclosure of intelligence including some 700,000 classified diplomatic and military documents.

Manning, formerly a US Army intelligence analyst, was prosecuted as a man, Bradley Manning, but the day after being sentenced

asked to be recognized as a woman.

A separate statement released by Amnesty International on Tuesday urged Obama to take a sympathetic stance towards Manning and grant clemency, saying the soldier's sentence was a "blight on the US human rights record."

"President Obama should grant Manning clemency for time served, protect whistleblowers, and provide accountability for crimes like those Manning exposed," Amnesty said.

The rights group noted that Manning's sentence "contrasts with the leniency given those responsible for torture and other types of grave human rights violations" revealed by the soldier's disclosures.

Oil rallies as Obama wins key support for Syria strike

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices rallied Tuesday after US President Barack Obama received support from key opposition Republican lawmakers for military strikes against Syria for its alleged chemical weapons attack on civilians.

Buying also found support from a surprisingly strong report on growth in the US manufacturing sector that boosted hopes for improved energy demand in the world's biggest economy.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for October delivery, rose 91 cents to close at \$108.54 per barrel.

Brent North Sea crude oil for October delivery climbed to \$115.68 per barrel, up \$1.45 from Monday's closing level.

A key US report on manufacturing, showing growth for the third month in a row in August, further bolstered investor interest in crude oil.

The Institute for Supply

Management said its purchasing managers index for the manufacturing sector climbed to 55.7 in August, the highest point in 2013. Analysts had expected the index to drop from July.

"Stronger macroeconomic data such as the US ISM manufacturing index is helping support a rally in the equity markets that is also broadly supportive for the oil market, although we note global petroleum demand remains at what we consider a 'below trend' pace of growth," said Tim Evans of Citi Futures.

Earlier in the day oil prices spiked sharply higher after a surprise missile test in the Mediterranean amid rising tensions over Syria's long-running civil war.

Russia's defense ministry said it had detected the launch of two ballistic missiles from the central Mediterranean fired towards the sea's eastern coastline.



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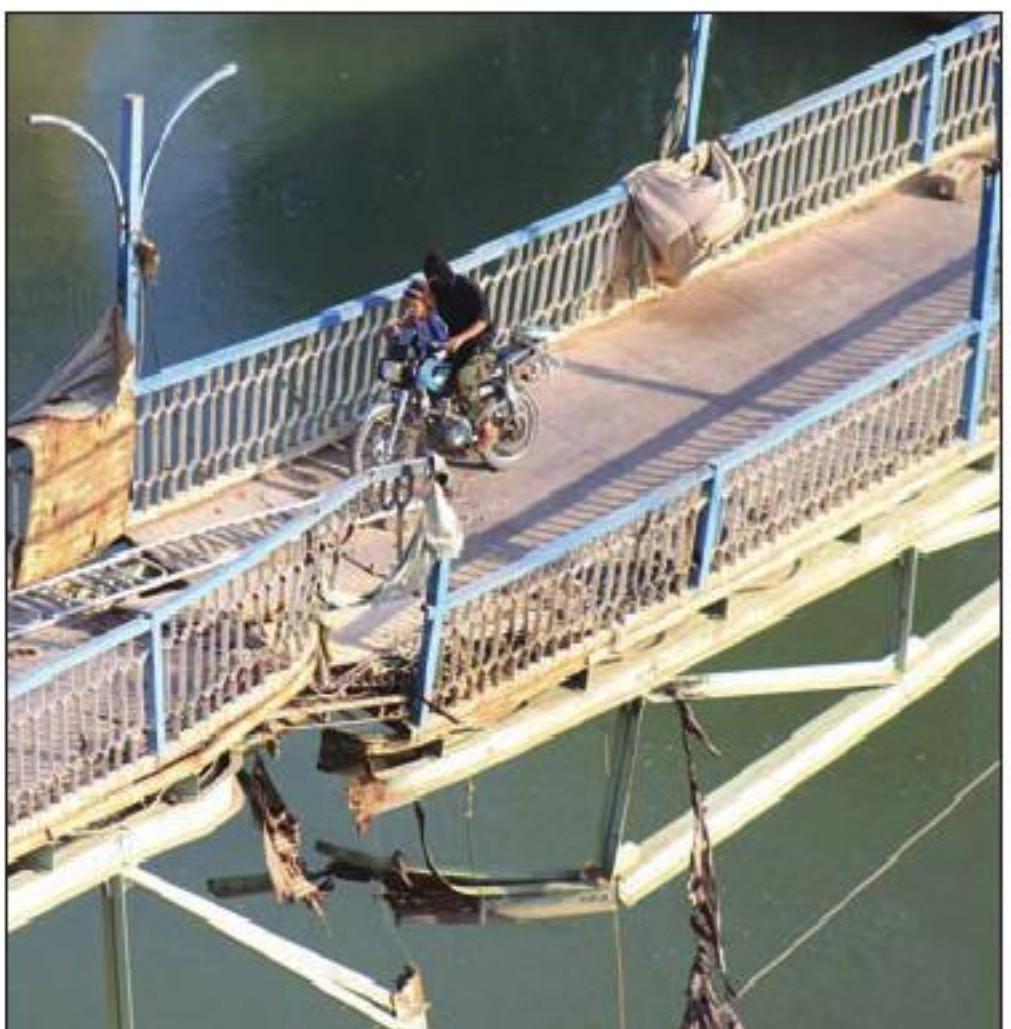
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'Butler' beats boy band at N. American box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Lee Daniels' The Butler" retained the top slot at the North American box office over the US holiday weekend, edging out British boy band One Direction's new movie, figures showed Tuesday.

The film, about the civil rights era as seen through the eyes of a black White House servant played by Forest Whitaker, was pipped to number one over the normal Friday-to-Sunday weekend by "One Direction: This is Us."

But over the four-day Labor Day weekend the film which also stars Oprah Winfrey as the butler's wife and has topped the box office for three weeks, grossed more than \$20.2 million.



A rebel fighter and a child cross a damaged bridge in Syria's eastern town of Deir Ezzor this week.

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Colombian miners agree to end protests

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombian miners agreed Tuesday to end a month-and-a-half-long protest after the government promised to give legal standing to small-scale, artisanal diggers.

A spokesman for the miners, Ruben Dario Gomez, said negotiators had signed a preliminary agreement in which the government said it would introduce legislation setting forth rights and responsibilities for the artisanal miners.

The government estimates that more than half the mining activity in the country is being carried out by unlicensed miners.

Angered over heavy-handed government attempts to crack down on illegal mining, the miners began staging protests on highways in various parts of the country on July 17.

Those demonstrations dove-

tailed with protests by farm-workers who adopted similar road-closing tactics to press demands for government farm subsidies. The government struck a preliminary agreement with the farmworkers on Friday.

The government promised to submit legislation that would define artisanal mining, distinguishing it from illegal mining.

It will set forth where artisanal miners can work, the kind of equipment they can use, and their responsibilities to protect the environment.

Mines and Energy Minister Federico Renjifo said "the government's objective is to pursue the delinquents and protect the true miners."

The government is worried that leftist guerrillas and organized crime groups are moving into mining to create new revenue streams.

Argentine ex-president Menem back on trial at 83



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina's ex-president Carlos Menem was back in court for a new trial Monday, this time for allegedly falsifying his personal tax returns, the Supreme Court announced.

Menem, 83, who was president from 1989-1999 and is still a senator, was in court with his daughter Zulema. Prosecutors maintain in this case that he was derelict in his duties as a public official and dishonest about his returns.

They say Menem failed to report two bank accounts -- including one holding six million dollars -- as well as two light

aircraft, stocks, cars and real estate.

On June 13 Menem was sentenced to seven years in prison for organizing contraband arms shipments to Croatia and Ecuador during his tenure.

But because he enjoys immunity as a legislator, the former president must first go through an impeachment process by his fellow lawmakers.

If they fail to oust him from the Senate, Menem could be incarcerated after his term ends in 2017, legal observers have

said.

An appeals court in March affirmed a guilty verdict against Menem and his one-time defense minister, Oscar Camilon, for smuggling 6,500 tons of weapons and ammunition to Croatia and Ecuador.

The weapons were sent to Croatia in seven shipments aboard freighters between 1991 and 1995.

At the time, much of the Balkans was under a UN arms embargo following the violent break-up of Yugoslavia.

The weapons were labeled as being destined for Panama and Venezuela, but this was ultimately deemed a maneuver to dodge weapons embargoes then in force against Croatia and Ecuador.

Menem has said the transactions were legal because the weapons -- rifles, artillery, mortars, anti-tank rockets and ammunition -- were being sent to countries at peace.

Nicaragua warns Costa Rica it may try to 'reclaim' province in court

MANAGUA (AFP) - President Daniel Ortega warned Costa Rica Monday that Nicaragua may ask the International Court of Justice to restore to Managua a province he said it lost to "occupation" in 1824.

Ortega was referring to Guanacaste province, which is about 20 percent of neighboring Costa Rica's territory and

a popular tourism hub.

"Costa Rica did not win that territory in an international court, but rather by force, with arms," Ortega said at a military ceremony.

He said he would like to negotiate with San Jose over the issue, an idea that has been rejected by Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla.



GENEVA (AFP) - Syria's refugee crisis is one of the biggest tragedies of our times, the UN said Tuesday, with more than two million Syrians having fled their war-ravaged country and some 4.2 million displaced internally. He said reaching the milestone figure of two million refugees -- a ninefold increase in 12 months -- represented not just an appalling statistic, but "two million individual stories. Two million people, many have lost their houses, members of their families, their possessions." More than half of the refugees are children, many of whom have been deeply traumatised, he said. On average, some 5,000 Syrians continue to flee their country every day, according to numbers from the UN refugee agency, UNHCR. (photo: Turkey's "Tent Cities" currently house over 40,000 displaced Syrians)

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TB followed humans out of Africa

PARIS (AFP) - One of the largest genetic investigations into the microbe which causes TB shows the germ followed early humans out of Africa at least 70,000 years ago, scientists said.

In a parallel probe, investigators also said they had identified 39 new genes that drive dangerous drug resistance in this germ, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

TB is one of the deadliest diseases in the medical lexicon.

Untreated, it kills roughly half the people it infects.

Even today, in the era of advanced antibiotics, it causes between a million and two million deaths each year, mainly in developing countries.

Drug designers are embroiled in an arms race with the germ, hoping to outflank it with new treatments before it develops resistance to existing ones.

Writing in the journal *Nature Genetics*, researchers led by Sébastien Gagneux of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute compared the DNA of 259 TB strains from around the world.

They used this to build a "family tree" of the germ, using genetic mutations as a kind of molecular clock to show its pace of evolution.

The comparison shows that the bacterium originated in Africa over 70,000 years ago, coinciding with the migration of anatomically modern humans from their homeland.

TB's spread was probably kickstarted when humans started to live in larger communities, enabling the germ to be transmitted more efficiently from person to person, the authors speculate.

The germ's ancient history means the disease is unlikely to have jumped from domesticated animals to humans, as has been seen in so many other bacteria or viruses.

In a separate study, also published in *Nature Genetics*, Harvard Medical School investigators found 39 new genes implicated in drug-resistant TB in a genomic comparison of 123 strains.

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Italy ordered to pay more for bad blood victims

STRASBOURG (AFP) - The European Court of Human Rights on Tuesday ordered Italy to increase compensation payments to victims of contaminated blood transfusions, saying they should have been indexed to inflation.

The court approved an appeal by 162 Italians who contracted the HIV virus and Hepatitis B and C in the 1980s and who are currently paid around 540 euros (\$710) a month for medical costs.

The judges at the court in Strasbourg said the government's refusal to allow for a yearly increase in the payments in line with inflation constitute an "abnormal and exorbitant" charge.

The ruling could set a precedent and affect many more victims of contaminated blood transfusions but it is not yet definitive and can be appealed.

Angelo Magrini, head of an association of victims, said it was an "important victory", estimating around 60,000 people in Italy were contaminated by blood transfusions.

He said the monthly payments received by patients could increase by around 100 euros if the ruling becomes definitive.

Diabetes rises in China, reaching 'alert' level

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Almost 12 percent of adults in China had diabetes, with economic prosperity driving the disease to slightly higher proportions than in the United States, researchers said.

The overall prevalence of diabetes in China in 2010 was found to be 11.6 percent of adults -- 12.1 percent in men, and 11.0 percent in women, according to the study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA).

In the United States, about 11.3 percent of people over 20 have diabetes according to 2011 data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The disease was more prevalent in China than in the United States even though the population was thinner -- average body mass index, a ratio of height and body weight, was just 23.7 in China compared to 28.7 in the United States.

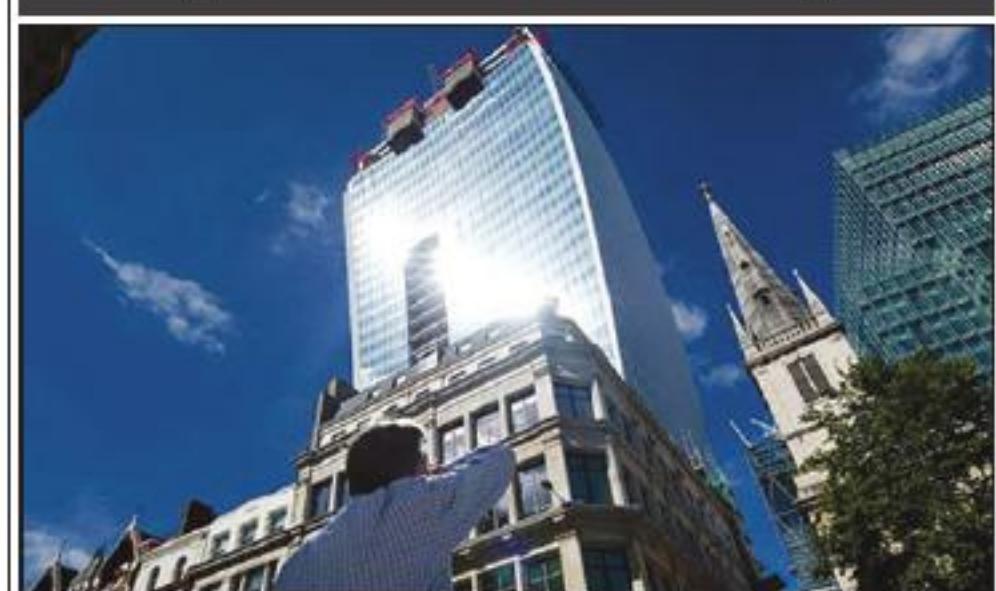
Further, about half of the population has high blood sugar, or a condition known as prediabetes, according to a nationally representative sample of Chinese adults.

The current data puts the total number of cases of diabetes in China at 113.9 million.

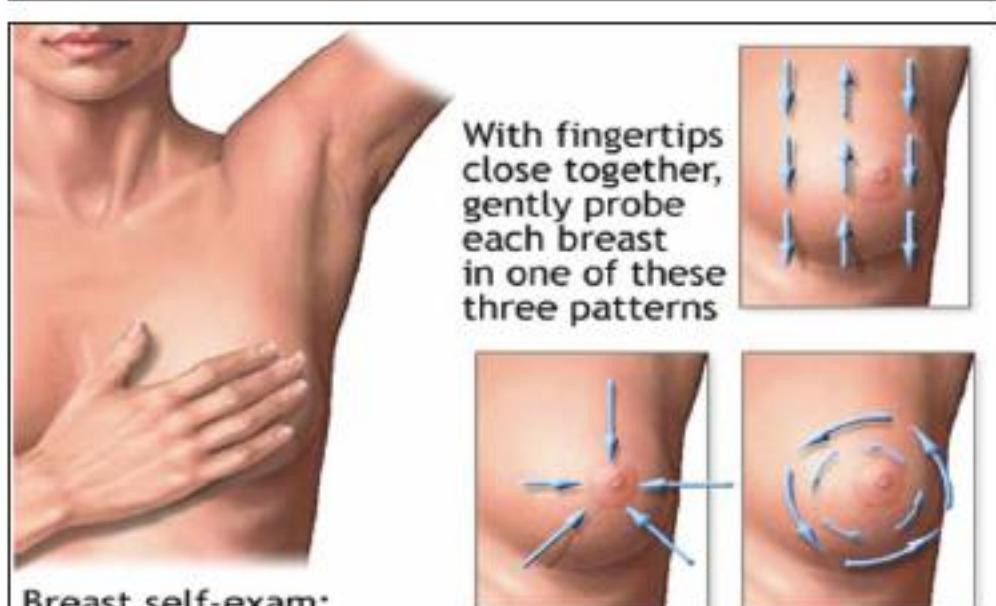
Worldwide, the prevalence of diabetes is estimated to be about 8.3 of the global population, or 371 million people.

The disease is characterized by the body's shortage of insulin, or an inability to use the hormone efficiently for converting glucose into energy.

Glare from London skyscraper 'melted a Jaguar'



LONDON (AFP) - A British property developer said Tuesday it was investigating after rays deflected by a skyscraper melted the side of a businessman's luxury Jaguar car. Londoners have been shielding their eyes from the blinding glare reflected from the glass facade of 20 Fenchurch Street -- nicknamed the Walkie Talkie because of its flared shape -- while several drivers have complained that the beam has melted parts of their vehicles. Local businessman Martin Lindsay said he was distraught when he returned to his parked Jaguar XJ near the tower in London's financial district to find the car's panels had warped along one side, while the wing mirror and Jaguar emblem on the front of the car had melted. Developers Land Securities and Canary Wharf Group have apologised and paid for the damage, while three car parking spaces near the tower have been taken out of use. Eddie Cannon, a heating and air conditioning engineer, said the so-called "death ray" had melted parts of his van. Physicists have suggested that the concave shape of the "walkie-talkie" is responsible for the problem, focusing sunlight into a concentrated beam.



Sci-Tech**Microsoft buys Nokia phones to fight Apple, Google**

HELSINKI (AFP) - Mobile phone pioneer Nokia on Tuesday announced the sale of its sinking handset business to software giant Microsoft, which is fighting to catch up with rivals Apple and Google in the fierce smartphone market.

Nokia, the world's leading mobile phone maker until last year, will now focus on network infrastructure and mapping services, which it called "the best path forward for Nokia and its shareholders."

The sale for 5.44 billion euros (\$7.17 billion) was cheered by Nokia investors, pushing the Finnish company's shares up 33.5 percent, but Microsoft shares fell 6.15 percent at midday on Wall Street.

Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer said the Nokia acquisition -- the second-biggest in its history after Skype -- was a "signature event in our transformation" and one that "will accelerate our success in smartphones."

Nokia pioneered the mobile phone and dominated the market for 14 years, until it was overtaken by Samsung in 2012 as the top-selling brand.

The company, long the pride of Finland, was blindsided by the shift to smartphones and struggled to fight off increasing competition from Apple's iPhone and Samsung's Galaxy

and rumours of a sale have swirled for months.

Microsoft and Nokia have been partnered since 2011, co-creating Nokia's Lumia line of smartphones using Microsoft's Windows Phone software.

And with Tuesday's deal, Microsoft is following in the footsteps of rival Google, which created the Android smartphone operating system and then branched into hardware when it bought phone-maker Motorola.

Microsoft "is still behind Apple and Android based handset devices in the global mobile phones market share but under this deal, Microsoft can start to take control of the operation and turn Nokia's declining handset business into a formidable competitor in a competitive market," ETX Capital analyst Ishaq Siddiqi said in a comment.

Stephen Elop, the Nokia

iPhone expected to star at Apple event September 10

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Apple on Tuesday fired off invitations to a September 10 event at which it is expected to spice up its iPhone line and unveil a low-priced version.

In true Apple style, the invitations revealed little. The

chief executive who was hired from Microsoft in 2010, will transfer back to his original employer, becoming a rumoured replacement for Ballmer whose retirement was announced this summer.

Risto Siilasmaa, Nokia's chairman of the board, will be Elop's interim replacement.

Some 32,000 Nokia employees are expected to transfer to Microsoft, including some 4,700 people in Finland, the company said.

The phone operations affected by the transfer generated approximately 14.9 billion euros in 2012, or almost 50 percent of Nokia's net sales.

Nokia will book a gain on the sale of some 3.2 billion euros, which will "clearly strengthen our financial position and it will provide a solid basis for future investment in Nokia's continuing businesses," Siilasmaa said.

Last month, Nokia finalised the purchase of German engineering giant Siemens' 50-percent stake in Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN) for 1.7 billion euros.

NSN, which is specialised in high-speed mobile broadband, had posted stronger earnings than Nokia's mobile phone business, booking a net profit of 8.0 million euros in the second quarter of this year, compared to Nokia's net loss of 227 million euros.

message "This should brighten everyone's day" was below the company logo on a page dotted with brightly colored circles.

The design seemed to lend credence to unconfirmed reports that Apple plans to release iPhones in a rainbow of colors, including gold.

The special event will take place at Apple's headquarters in the Silicon Valley city of Cupertino.

Apple is rumored to be readying two new versions of its iPhone, with one a less expensive model to win over budget buyers in emerging markets such as China.

Apple's move comes as pressure mounts from rivals such as Samsung that field a Android-powered smartphones running the gamut of prices.



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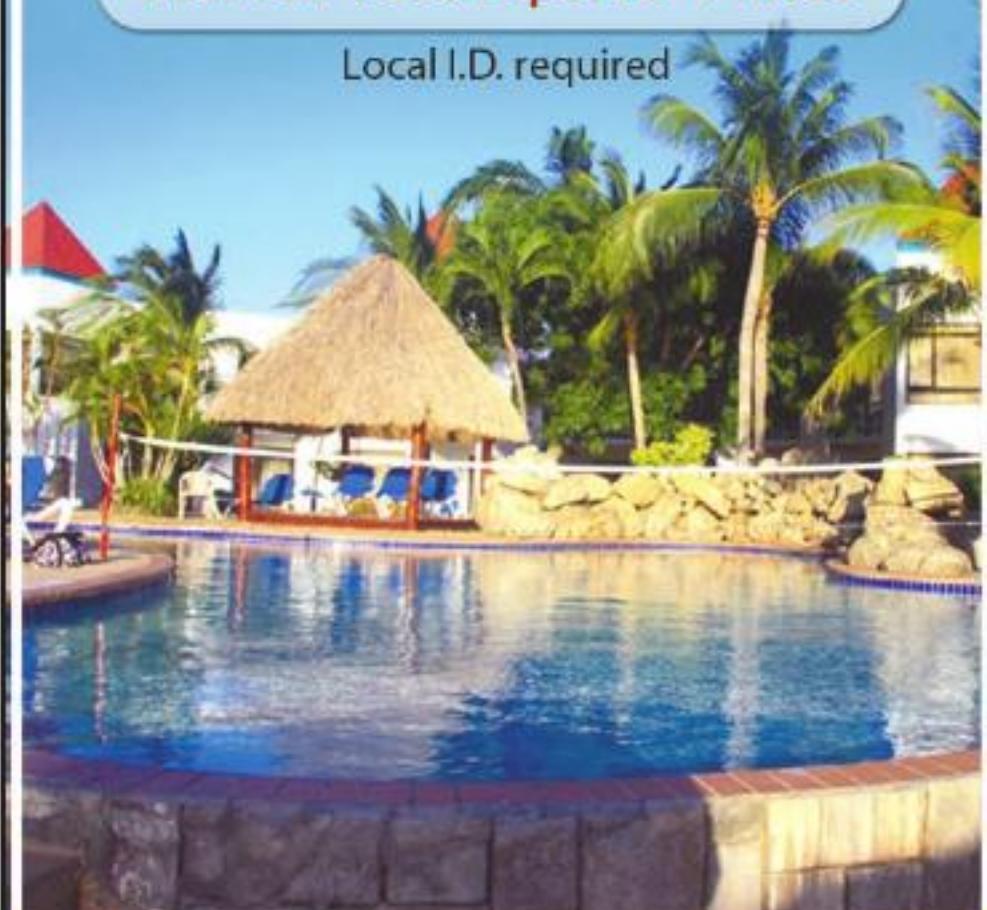
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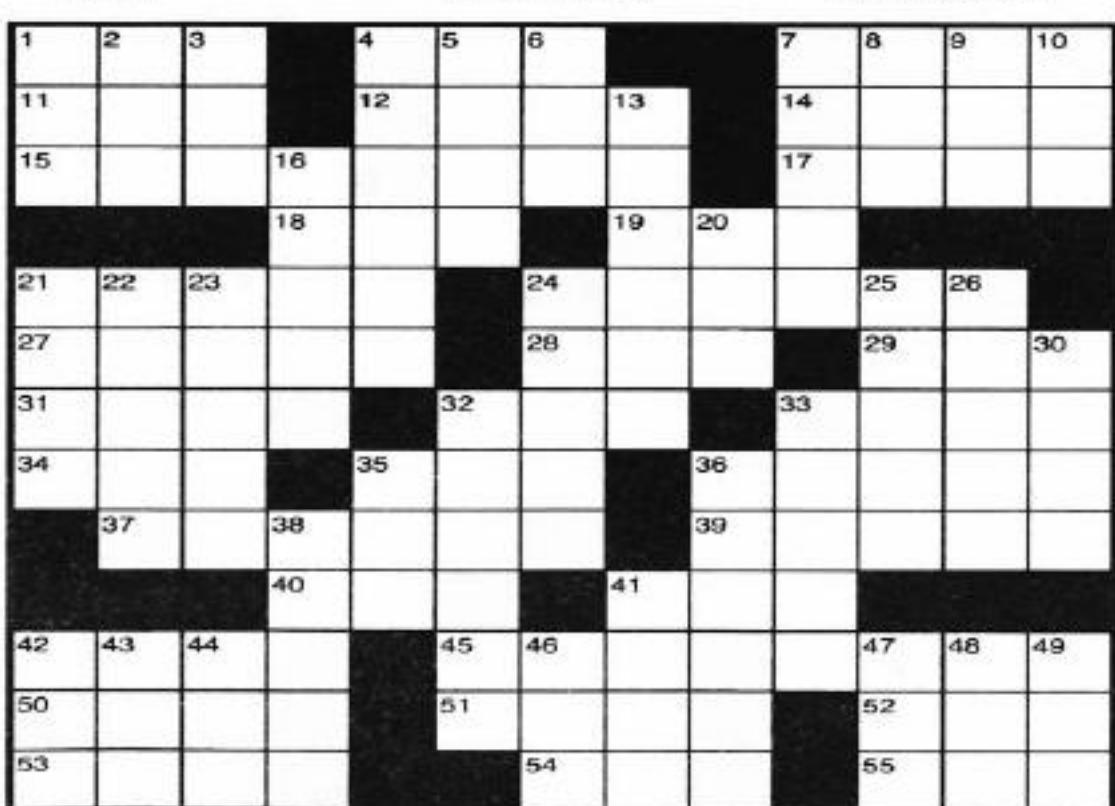


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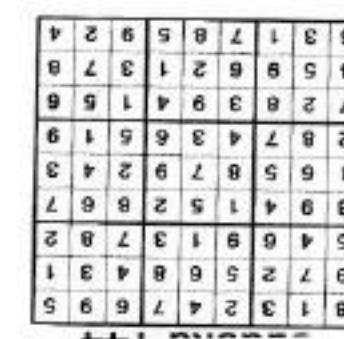
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| 15. Keep going | 36. Barnyard fowl |
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Iraq blames Shell for \$4.6 billion lost income: letter

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Iraq's oil ministry, struggling with sputtering output, has blamed Anglo-Dutch energy giant Shell over \$4.6 billion in lost revenue due to production delays, in a letter seen by AFP.

The document, dated July 21, 2013, sharply criticises the foreign energy firm for shortfalls in oil extraction at the giant Majnoon field in south Iraq, and comes as oil exports have fallen to their lowest level in 16 months even as Baghdad has looked to cement its role as a key global energy producer.

It indicates growing frustration within the government over oil exports, which account for the lion's share of state revenues -- a dispute with the northern Kurdish region has suspended expected sales from there, and sales via a pipeline through to Turkey have markedly dipped compared to previous years.

Two separate sources with

knowledge of the letter's contents confirmed its authenticity to AFP, but declined to be identified discussing the matter.

The letter was addressed to Shell's Iraq Vice President Hans Nijkamp and bore the letterhead of the oil ministry's Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate.

According to parts of the letter seen by AFP, it stated that "production from Majnoon Oilfield ... has been stopped for an unacceptably long time" and added that "aggregated losses of production" at Majnoon amounted to 44 million barrels of oil.

"As a result, Iraq has suffered heavy direct losses, which we have determined conservatively at more than (4.6) billion US dollars," the letter, which was written in English, read.

It said that "the field has been shut down and the production stopped since 1st July 2012 based upon Shell's request to perform the rehabilitation of the existing surface facilities."

"This rehabilitation was to have been completed in four to six months with production resuming no later than 1st January 2013."

The ministry also alleged that the company has "not taken any serious measures to handle the associated gas produced from the field."

A consortium of Shell and Malaysia's Petronas signed a

contract with Baghdad in January 2010 to develop Majnoon, a giant oil field in southern Iraq.

Shell holds a 45-percent stake in the project, while Petronas has 30 percent, with the remainder held by a state-owned Iraqi firm.

Shell spokesman Diego Perez and Iraqi Oil Ministry spokesman Assem Jihad declined to comment on the letter.



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Libya oil production slumps to 'below 100,000 bpd'

TRIPOLI (AFP) - A weeks-long blockade by guards at key Libyan oil terminals has sent production plunging to under 100,000 barrels per day in a major blow to the economy, an official said.

Guards, mostly ex-rebels who helped topple veteran strongman Moamer Kadhafi in a 2011 uprising, have been on strike since late July and imposed a blockade on oil terminals.

They accuse the authorities of corruption by selling crude in excess of documented cargo, while the government say the guards have been trying to sell

oil on the black market.

The commission urged "the thwars (ex-rebels) to stop this act of vandalism. Oil production is at almost zero," the statement said.

Libya was producing between 1.5 million to 1.6 million barrels of crude oil per day before the striking guards imposed the blockade on the country's main export terminals.

The parliamentary commission warned that the militia's actions "will encourage other (groups) to carry out similar acts."

Libya is almost entirely de-

pendent on oil and gas for its foreign exchange earnings, with hydrocarbons accounting for more than 80 percent of its GNP and up to 97 percent of its exports.

The commission also took a swipe at Libya's National Oil Company (NOC) for declaring on August 21 a force majeure at the main terminals of Zueitina, Ras Lanouf, Al-Sedra and Brega in the east of the country.

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coca growers switch to coffee, battle fungus



LIMA (AFP) - Peru's anti-drug strategy hinges on persuading farmers to grow coffee instead of coca, the raw material of cocaine, but low prices and plant disease are getting in the way.

President Ollanta Humala's government is allocating \$35 million to help coffee growers pay off debts and cope with "la roya," a stubborn fungus known as coffee rust.

The fungus, which creates orange spots on leaves and damages the bean, has devastated coffee plantations across Central America, Colombia and Peru this year.

Peru was hit particularly hard.

The Andean nation became the world's leading organic producer last year and is the

world's eighth largest overall coffee producer behind Brazil, Vietnam and Colombia.

In 2012, coffee exports accounted for a full quarter -- about \$1 billion -- of all revenue from Peru's agricultural exports, but this year are unlikely to produce anything close to the same yield, depriving Peru of critically needed funds.

The fungus and low coffee prices on international markets have triggered a 30 percent drop in production, according to coffee grower associations.

Peru exports coffee to 46 countries, but the bulk -- 60 percent -- goes to Europe. Germany is Peru's largest single customer.

"This is the country's main crop, with 400,000 hectares (988,000 acres) under cultivation, as well as the main agricultural export," Agriculture Minister Milton Von Hesse told AFP.

He defended the government aid as a tool to fight drug traffickers and rejected critics who call the move a populist strategy aimed ultimately at winning votes.

Many coffee farmers used to grow coca in the mountainous jungle valleys, selling it to drug traffickers to be made into cocaine.

The European Union and the United States have backed programs promoting coffee and cacao beans as alternative crops to wean farmers off the lucrative coca business.

In Peru, 14 companies formed by ex-coca farmers now grow coffee, cacao, palm trees harvested for their edible hearts and another kind of palm grown for its oil.

The ventures are backed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Those associations bring together nearly 27,000 families of former coca farmers, work-

ing on 78,644 hectares in parts of the jungle that include the rough and tumble area where the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro rivers meet.

Drug traffickers, as well as remnants of the Shining Path Maoist guerrilla group patrol the troubled junction, killing soldiers and police who dare stray into the territory.

Peru ranks alongside Bolivia and Colombia as the world's main producers of coca, grown exclusively in the Andes of South America, mostly on the eastern slope.

Some 62,000 hectares of coca crops produce more than 280 tonnes of leaves a year, according to the latest government figures from 2012.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy estimated in July 2012 that Peru's cocaine production was 325 tonnes, ahead of Bolivia (265 tonnes) and Colombia (195 tonnes).

During a recent protest march, farmers walked from their homes in the central highlands to the capital Lima demanding economic aid and technical help to fight the roya coffee blight.

The government promised to finance their debt, and got them to halt the protest just in time to celebrate Peruvian Coffee Day.

Many Peruvians blame the spread of the roya blight on temperature changes caused by climate change.

Sober heads acknowledge that there are other issues, too.

"We did not take advantage of the good times, and there are still structural problems in our sector, such as low productivity and a meager post-harvest infrastructure," said Peruvian Chamber of Coffee and Cacao chief Ricardo Huancaruna.

BANGKOK (AFP) - Dunkin' Donuts said it was pulling an advertisement in Thailand featuring a woman with black face make-up after a human rights group criticised it as "racist". The US firm apologised for the "insensitivity" of the ad for its "charcoal donut", which had the slogan "Break all rules of deliciousness". Human Rights Watch deputy Asia director Phil Robertson had criticised Dunkin' Donuts for "using racist images to sell donuts". The ad could still be seen in the Bangkok skytrain on Tuesday.

The image of the woman in black face make-up and bright pink lipstick caused little controversy in Thailand, however, while on social media sites there were differing views on whether the ad was racist. Skin whitening creams abound in the kingdom with many believing that a lighter skin reflects higher status -- an image fuelled by the popularity of white-skinned models and actors on billboards and the television.



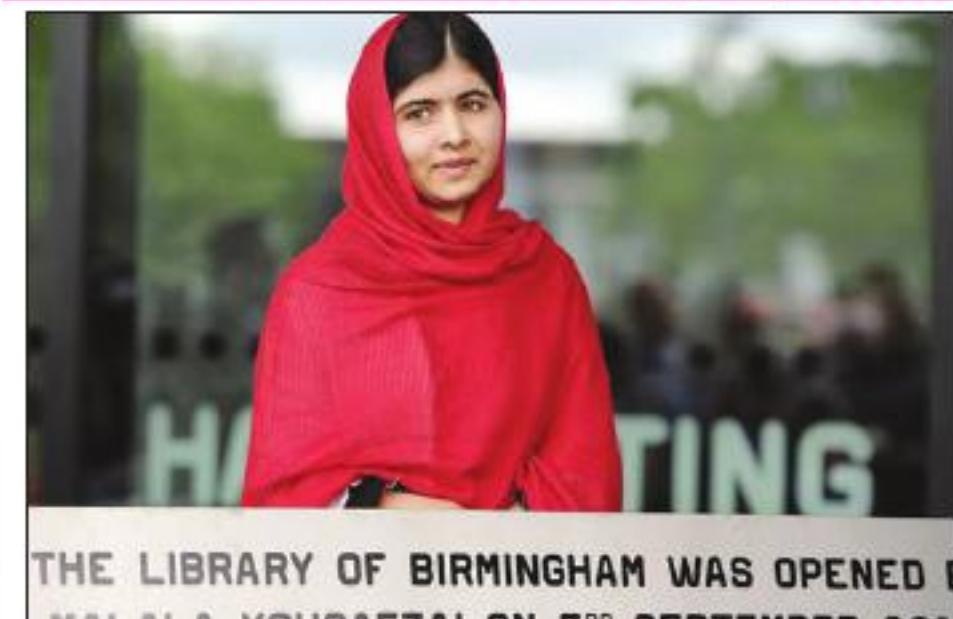
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Malala says books can defeat terrorism at UK library opening



THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM WAS OPENED BY MALALA YOUSAFZAI ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013

BIRMINGHAM (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban after campaigning for girls' right to an education, said books were "the weapons to defeat terrorism" as she opened a new library in her adopted English city on Tuesday.

The 16-year-old gave a speech before unveiling a stainless steel plaque to mark the opening of Europe's biggest public library, the gleaming new Library of Birmingham.

"I will read thousands of books and I will power myself with knowledge. Pens and books are the weapons that defeat terrorism." She added:

"There is no greater weapon than knowledge and no greater source of knowledge than the written word."

The teenager, who has been nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, spoke confidently with just a hint of stiffness on the left side of her face.

The high-tech Library of Birmingham, the latest in a string of projects aimed at regenerating the 1970s-era city centre, has a skin of metal hoops and replaces the nearby brutalist concrete Central Library, which opened in 1974.

The new library contains a million books and houses first editions of William Shakespeare's works.



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm,

Tel: 5860606 and **email:** saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS



... Continuing with en route to the world of football Brazil, 2014, we'll present today Nilton Reis dos Santos #8 on best 20 defender list who with his talent and skill, contributed greatly to his national team.

Nilton Reis dos Santos (born May 16, 1925) is a former Brazilian football player. He was known as The Encyclopedia due to his football knowledge. He was a key player in the defense during the World Cup finals 1954, 1958 and 1962 (also was in the squad for the end of 1950, but did not play) and became famous for the great goal he scored against Austria in edition 1958. Driving and dribbling the ball down the field and going crazy to his coach Vicente Feola, got a bit epic.

Nilton Santos is considered by the IFFHS - 2006 as one of the top 5 American defenses of all time next to Elias Figueroa, Jose Nasazzi, Hector Chumpitaz and Daniel Passarella. It is a member of the FIFA 100. Pelé named him as one of the top 125 players still alive in March 2004.

Four world, two titles

After the Second World War, Brazil gets the right to host the 1950 World Championship. won the South American tournament in 1949 is the dyno maximum overlooking the event. Nilton Santos, Sunday to Sunday more and more player, a member of the squad selected, but as a substitute for central defender Brazil, which destroys all his enemies, reached the final with Uruguay. From No. 3 not Nilton. And the Uruguayans, in an evening of high achievement, imposing 2-1 - these two goals, like a punishment to the blindness of the coaches who did not believe in creditworthiness, go to the left, through two maneuvers that Easterners gestated by the right of his attack unguarded that sector, that sector should be, and it was in that championship, Nilton Santos.

In the 1952 Pan American, the error is rectified. And Brazil is devoted champion. It is the great recognition. Unanimously. So with regret, for not having seen it before, back in 1950, that he and tip marker Brazil could have had their big party and not that tremendous

frustration. That is reappointed to the 1954 championship in Switzerland. Brazil beats Mexico 5-0 and drawing 1-1 with Yugoslavia curtos qualifying for finals, where the team encounters the fearsome Hungarian wonderful football. Serious incidents and meetings with Hungarian victory 4-2. New sorrow for Brazilians, but further confirmation of Nilton carat, a lion who fights without respite, a teacher who wonder the same winners.



MLB Standings

American League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| BOSTON | 82 | 57 | .590 | - |
| TAMPA | 75 | 61 | .551 | 5.5 |
| BALTIMORE | 73 | 63 | .537 | 7.5 |
| YANKEES | 73 | 64 | .533 | 8.0 |
| TORONTO | 63 | 75 | .457 | 18.5 |

Central

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| DETROIT | 82 | 57 | .587 | - |
| CLEVELAND | 72 | 65 | .526 | 8.5 |
| KANSAS | 71 | 66 | .518 | 9.5 |
| MINNESOTA | 60 | 76 | .441 | 20.0 |
| CHICAGO | 56 | 80 | .412 | 24.0 |

West

W L Pct GB

| West | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|------|
| TEXAS | 79 | 58 | .577 | - |
| OAKLAND | 79 | 58 | .577 | - |
| LA ANGELES | 64 | 72 | .471 | 14.5 |
| SEATTLE | 62 | 75 | .453 | 17.0 |
| HOUSTON | 45 | 92 | .328 | 34.0 |

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ



NEW YORK - Derek Jeter ended a slump with a 2-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored in Monday's 9-1 win over the White Sox. The Yankees (73-64) are in fourth place in the American League Eastern Division, eight games behind the Boston Red Sox (82-57), who lost 3-0 Monday to the Detroit Tigers.



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Boxing: Daiki leads Kameda brothers into history books



Daiki Kameda (L) lands his left straight on Rodrigo Guerrero of Mexico

TAKAMATSU (AFP) - Japan's Daiki Kameda beat Rodrigo Guerrero of Mexico on points Tuesday to secure the vacant International Boxing Federation super-flyweight title and a place in the history books for himself and his two brothers.

The 24-year-old's victory by a unanimous verdict meant the Kamedas, once known for their crude behaviour in and out the ring, became the first trio of brothers to hold world boxing titles at the same time.

His elder brother Koki, 26, is the current World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight champion and Tomoki, 22, holds the World Boxing Organisation bantamweight title.

When Tomoki won his title last month, the Kamedas became the first trio of brothers to have held world titles at separate points in their careers. Only eight pairs of brothers have held world titles simultaneously.

The IBF's third-ranked Kameda used his footwork to dodge fourth-ranked Guerrero, a former holder of the same title, who tried to fight in close range and switched between left-handed and right-handed stances.

The three American judges all scored in Kameda's favour. Glenn Feldman carded it 114-112, Eugene Grant 116-110 and Robert Hoyle 117-109.

Kameda, a former WBA fly-weight champion, was slapped with a one-point penalty twice for a low blow in the fifth and 11th rounds.

The champion's belt had been stripped from Mexican Juan Carlos Sanchez on June 8 when he failed to make the weight for his title defence in Las Vegas against Argentine challenger Roberto Domingo Sosa.

Sanchez won the fight but the title in the 52.1-kilo (115-pound) division, also known as junior bantamweight, had remained vacant.

Kameda's record improved to 29 wins, 18 of them by knockout, and three losses.

It was the 25-year-old Mexican's fifth loss against 19 wins, 12 of them by knockout, and one draw.

It was also Kameda's first world-title bout since he bowed to WBA super-flyweight champion Tepparith Kokietgym of Thailand in December 2011.

The fight was the first IBF title bout in Japan since the Japan Boxing Commission joined the world body in April.

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NFL: Ravens begin Super Bowl repeat bid against Broncos

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - With popularity undimmed by a series of hard hits off the field, the National Football League opens the 2013 season on Thursday with a mouth-watering match-up of multi-millionaire quarterbacks.

Joe Flacco leads the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens into Denver, where Peyton Manning and the Broncos are hotly tipped contenders to be hoisting the Vince Lombardi Trophy come February.

After two years featuring labor disputes -- between owners and players and then between owners and officials --



and the pay-for-injury "bounty" scandal that saw New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton banned for all of last season, the league has done all it could to ensure there is little to distract from on-field action.

A week before kickoff, the NFL reached a settlement worth \$765 million in a lawsuit filed by more than 4,500 former players over concussion injuries -- a payout less than the NFL's income from any of its television rights deals.

The settlement won't end the discussion on traumatic brain injuries in the violent sport. But with it, the league avoided acknowledging liability for such injuries affecting the long-term health of its veterans.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will still have to grapple with the league's inability to agree with players on testing for human growth hormone, and the first-degree murder charge against former Patriots receiver Aaron Hernandez is a blemish on the league's image.

However, on-field drama is

set to push those issues to the back burner in a season that will include three games outside the United States -- two in London and one in Canada and culminate with the Super Bowl at Met Life Stadium on February 2.

It all starts in Denver, where Flacco will be eager to show he's worth the \$120 million contract he received in the afterglow of the Ravens' title triumph over San Francisco.

It's a re-worked Ravens squad who will take the field, without retired defensive stalwart and emotional leader Ray Lewis.

The Broncos have endured some turmoil, too, with linebacker Von Miller suspended for six games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Nevertheless, four-time Most Valuable Player Manning is widely expected to guide Denver to the playoffs as he did last year in his return from multiple neck surgeries.

As always, quarterbacks are key. Among the veterans, Man-

ning, New England's Tom Brady, New Orleans' Drew Brees, Manning's younger brother Eli of the New York Giants and Aaron Rodgers at Green Bay have shown they have the ability to take a team all the way.

Matt Ryan, whose Falcons fell to San Francisco in last season's National Conference title game, inked a \$103.75 million, five-year deal in July and will try to take Atlanta further this season.

Colin Kaepernick, whose 49ers felled the Falcons before losing to the Ravens in the Super Bowl, will try to build on his breakout 2012 campaign, but San Francisco will face tough opposition in the NFC West from the Seattle Seahawks and second-year star quarterback Russell Wilson.

Two other sophomore signal-callers in the spotlight will be Indianapolis' Andrew Luck and Washington's Robert Griffin III.

Brady can be expected to lead perennial AFC East powerhouse New England with his

usual aplomb. But he will be without four of his top five targets from 2012. Tight end Rob Gronkowski is on the roster, but it's not clear when he will be able to play in the wake of back surgery.

In the AFC North, the Ravens could have a tough time defending their title in a division that has seen defensive standouts Cincinnati shore up their offense. Pittsburgh can always contend if quarterback Ben Roethlisberger stays healthy.

Luck and the Colts should again figure strongly in the AFC South, and while Denver are widely expected to head the AFC West, the Kansas City Chiefs are tipped by many to turn things around from a dismal 2012 thanks to the arrival of new coach Andy Reid and former 49ers quarterback Alex Smith.

Tight division battles loom in the NFC, including a likely slugfest in the NFC East.

While the Giants can rest assured in the skills of Eli Manning, Washington will have to see how "RG3" performs after reconstructive knee surgery and the Dallas Cowboys need more big-game consistency from \$108 million quarterback Tony Romo.

The 49ers will have their work cut out to hold off Seattle in the NFC West, while in the South the Saints, with Payton back in charge after his "bounty" suspension, will seek to topple the Falcons from the top perch.

Rodgers will try to keep the Packers on top in the NFC North, where the Vikings' challenge will again depend on running back Adrian Peterson, who last year finished eight yards shy of Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record of 2,105 yards.

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Tennis: US Open



Li Na of China

NEW YORK (AFP) - Chinese fifth seed Li Na, the 2011 French Open champion, advanced to the US Open semi-finals for the first time Tuesday with a 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2 victory over Russian 24th seed Ekaterina Makarova.

Li seized a 4-2 tie-breaker lead but lost five of the next six points, three of them including the last with forehands beyond the baseline, and had to rally by breaking Makarova's last two service games to win in two hours, 20 minutes.

Li fired 44 winners to only 15 by Makarova, who upset

Williams in last year's Australian Open fourth round but fell to 0-4 all-time against Li, who said her nerves kept her from being more aggressive and coming to the net.

Also advancing was two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, who reached the quarter-finals by beating Serbian 13th seed Ana Ivanovic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a match postponed from Monday due to rain.

While Russian 21st seed Mikhail Youzhny mounted two stunning comebacks to defeat 2001 champion Lleyton He-

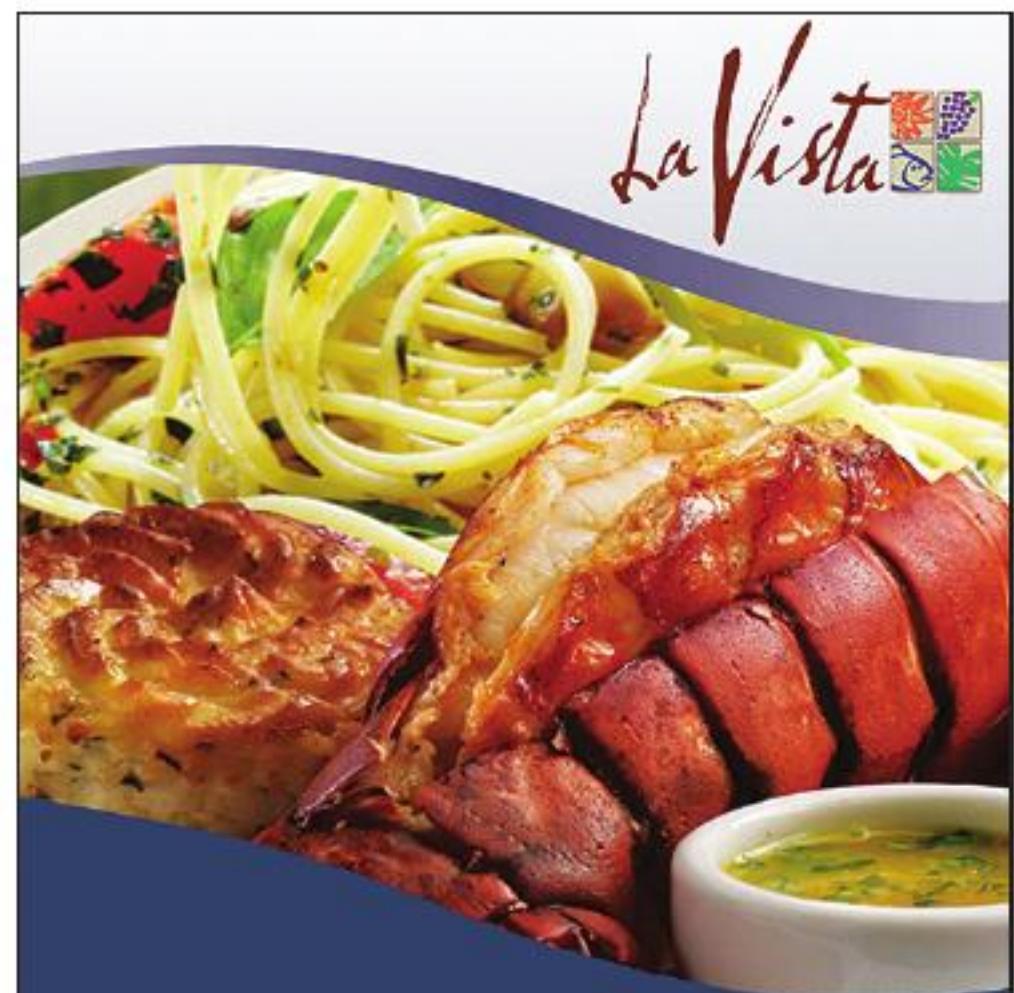
witt 6-3, 3-6, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4, 7-5 and reach the US Open quarter-finals on Tuesday.

Youzhny, a semi-finalist in 2006 and 2010, was two sets to one down and trailed 4-1 in the fourth set and 5-2 in the fifth before battling back to book a last-eight clash against either top seed Novak Djokovic or unseeded Spaniard Marcel Granollers.

In an enthralling clash, which was just two minutes short of four hours on the same Louis Armstrong court which had swallowed up five-time champion Roger Federer the day before, Youzhny celebrated just his second win in seven meetings over the Australian.

The 32-year-old Hewitt, the oldest man left in the tournament, was bidding to make the last-eight in New York for the first time since 2006, having defeated 2009 champion Juan Martin Del Potro in the second round.

But he was left to rue his failure to serve out the match at 5-3 in the decider after having recovered from losing the first set and being a break down in the second.



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